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from the

### PRESIDENT'S DESK

To the officers and members of T.E.C., I thank you for your votes and confidence you have placed in my hands. I will do my best in said office and try my best to improve our club. I have been rolling coins since 1971 so do know a few things about it and it is just great doing art work for elongateds. It keeps ones mind creative and its always a challenge when one is engraving a die , as it isn't easy as a lot of folks think it is. Every thing has to be perfect and even then things can go wrong, one thing to remember, we work in a dark room with very little light and thats why its hard to discover our mistakes and to late as the acid has done its job.

I have received letters from most of the candidates that run for office and they all stated that they would work with me for the next two years so thats a big help to begin with, and a bunch of letters from members asking if they can help in any way to just name it. I appreciate that. I was pleased to see many of you at the convention and hope you had a safe journey home to your loved ones.

There will be awards for those members who send in articles for the newsletter and they will be numbered. We have a die already made for this and the elongated coins will be sent out after this newsletter when it is determined how many are needed and who they will go to. This was done last year when Frank Brazzell made a die and numbered 75 coins for awards for articles for the newsletter. All future articles are to be sent to Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St., Terre Haute, In. 47803 as he is the new editor of the T.E.C. Newsletter. He will take care of putting it together, printing, and mailing. I will be co-editor. I will announce the other things and jobs the officers will be asked to do and ask members to help make the club better for you. After all, its your club and I think its time you had some say in running it. Please write any suggestions you may have for improvement. I will be looking forward to hearing your suggestions. Thank you again for your vote and I hope I can be a good president for you and your club.

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are \$5.00 per calendar year

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The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not too large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

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**NOTICE**

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Advertising rates will remain the same for the present until a further study is made. Only camera ready ads will be accepted until further notice.

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SECTION 331, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE: Prohibits among other things the fraudulent alteration and mutilation of United States and foreign coins. This statute does not prohibit the mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or if mutilated coins are not used fraudulently.

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Deadline for articles and ads is Dec.15, 1985. Send at once if you can.

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THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR USE  
AUGUST 1, 1984 thru JULY 31, 1985

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| Balance of cash available for use Aug. 1, 1984     | \$3175.20 |
| This amount from 1984                              |           |
| INCOME   |           |
| Dues   | \$937.00  |
| Sale of badges                                     | 160.00    |
| T.E.C. NEWS ads                                    | 160.00    |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$1257.00 |
| EXPENSES   |           |
| P.I.P. printing of four issues of TEC NEWS         | \$1096.80 |
| Postage for four issues of TEC NEWS                | 386.00    |
| Printing of membership cards                       | 18.01     |
| Bad check charges                                  | 9.33      |
| Ballot slips printed                               | 11.93     |
| A.N.A. 1985 dues                                   | 25.00     |
| A.N.A. 1984 meeting room                           | 15.85     |
| Postage for mailing the 1984 awards                | 33.25     |
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|  | \$1596.27 |
| Balance of cash remaining in TEC treasury is       | \$2931.41 |
| For use and available August 1, 1985               |           |
| After the August deadline we still put in the bank | \$120.00  |
| which should bring the balance to                  | \$3051.41 |

Respectfully Submitted

Chester Grabowski

The above report was submitted at the meeting of TEC in Baltimore and was approved by the board and members at the meeting. The above information is available for all members who did not make it to the annual TEC meeting.

By Ginnie Aldridge

## Note of Appreciation

By a narrow margin I was elected Vice President of T.E.C. and I sincerely thank those who voted for me. I shall do everything possible to uphold your confidence in me. For over two decades my interest in T.E.C. has taken precedence over other hobbies whether I was holding office or not, or just a very interested member.

I do want to talk to you about my worthy apponent, Gus Meccarello. As I have mentioned, it was a close race, and after meeting him in Baltimore for the first time I can understand why. He is first class and a gentleman, in a true since of the word. He offered his help anytime I need it and I shall certainly take him up on it. His knowledge of the elongated coin field is vast and I was impressed by his willingness to share his ideas with other rollers.

The above paragraph illustrates why it is important to attend the A.N.A. Convention. For years a person is just a name to us, someone we correspond with or buy coins from. But not untill you actually meet, talk and socialize do you know how very nice they are. It is fun to see old friends and make new ones. Will I see you in Milwaukee, next year?

In closing, I wish to recoznize our past president, Sally Kirka, for her many years of service to the Elongated Collectors. She gave her best during good and bad times and kept T.E.C. on a steady course. Her dedication and devotion to our organization is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your vote of confidence.

## Future A.N.A. Conventions

1986 Milwaukee, Wis. We hope we see you at the T.E.C. Table and meeting.  
1987 Atlanta, Ga. 1988- Cincinatti, Ohio. 1989 Pittsburgh, Pa.,

1990- Seattle, Wash., 1991- Chicago, Ill.

You might want to save these for your information so you can make plans for a vacation and go to the convention, meet old friends, make new ones. We hope we see you in Milwaukee next year.

## From The New Editor.

This is my first Newsletter for T.E.C. and it has been a few years since I have put one of these out. For about six years I was editor of our local Coin Club Newsletter and we put out a two page letter each month. I remember it was hard to get members to send in articles for just two pages and now we have a newsletter with up to twenty pages so I can see already it will be a job. I hope with your help I can have interesting articles for your enjoyment and informative articles for the hard core collectors to enjoy. Please feel free to send anything you think other club members enjoy. Since I just took this job at the A.N.A. convention I have only had a few weeks to get this out and appreciate Sally sending me articles people had sent to her. We hope in the future we can have a informative Newsletter and you will be a part of it. Let me know of any new issues of coins you have for sale. If you see an article about Elongated Coins in a newspaper or magazine, send me a copy. We will appreciate hearing from you. If you have any ideas for the Newsletter that will benefit the members, let me know. Please excuse the typing errors as I have not had the practice lately that I use to get so it may take me a couple issues to get things down pat but please bare with me.

WHAT IS IT? How many times have we heard that question?

We are new members Sam and Karen Morrison, and this is our story. It all started many years ago when Sam saw an Elongated Coin Machine at an antique show here in Denver. He fell in love with the idea of rolling coins, and had hopes of some day owning a machine of his own. Well, we now have a machine. Thanks to Tom Gerhardt, who was set up with his machine at the Western Stock Show and gave Sam's name to Frank Brazzell. Frank then gave Sam's name to Warren Greenwald of California, who had a machine for sale.

After a few phone calls to Warren and the freight line our machine arrived safely. It was a "very nice little thing", but Sam saw possibilities of "jazzing it up" and went to work. The operating part of the machine is now polished brass with chrome plated gears. It sits on a four foot high 4x6 inch column which is also chrome plated and adorned with nine pineapple finials and a dragon head. Sam turned a new Rosewood handle and made a new larger base out of deck plating.

At this point our machine was ready to go, we had Frank engrave two rolls of four dies each and we loaded up the machine and lots of pennies for a trip to Victor, Colorado (which is an old mining town near Pikes Peak). Not very many people have heard of Victor, but, none the less it has tourists and tourists have money and want to buy souvenirs.

We got a brightly colored umbrella, a table to display our other coins and set up in front of Assay Office Antiques (which is owned by a friend of ours) to await our first sale. The responses we get from people are very different. The young girls like the 'I Love You', Unicorn & Pegasus. The older women like the Victor Souvenir. The men don't care what is on the coin, they just want to see it work. The strangest response we get is from older men, they slowly look the machine over and when Sam tells them it's an 'Elongated Coin Machine', they give a nervous little laugh and walk away VERY quickly.

We have done pretty well in Victor, but the tourists trade is down this year. We won't give up though. It is too much fun when you get some one who walks right up and says 'give me two of those' or a young lady who thinks they are wonderful and wants 20 'Lord's Prayers for her SundaySchool class.

The next most asked question is "Is it Legal?" We would tell them yes, and explain that it is not a fraudulent use, but that wasn't good enough. We have had some luck in this area, one morning in the Rocky Mountain News, in the 'Action Line' problem solver column we saw this: Q. On a recent visit to San Francisco I visited Fisherman's Wharf. For 25 cents, vendors there will take a penny and press it into a souvenir. Is it legal to deface coins in this way or are they using hidden blanks in place of the tourists' pennies? I posed my question to the vendor and he chose to ignore me...

A. ...is defacing coins that way legal? yes. ...we went to Denver's Mint. When we were kids we used to flatten pennies on the

railroad tracks. Was that illegal? "It's not illegal, it's just dumb," chief of exhibits and public sales Tito Rael told us. "You can do a lot of things with coins that aren't illegal, It isn't defacing unless you try to use the coin for fraudulent purposes - say, you tried to make a nickel into a quarter by altering the date or the mint mark."...

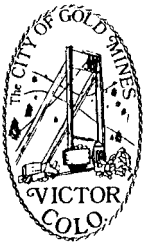
I wrote to the columnist and thanked him for giving us something in writing we could show to people. I also sent him some of our pennies, he resposned in his column a few days later with this: ...We also received a set of souvenirs from Denver's Morrison Trading Co. - pennies squished into medallions by a coin elongating machine - and this: Your June 24 article was a lifesaver. My husband and I have an elongated coin machine and we are always asked "Is that legal?" It is, but no one believes us anyway.

A. You can believe this, K.M. With U.S. coins anything goes as long as it isn't for fraudulent purposes. Elongate at will.

Morrison Trading Co. grows dried flowers, ornamental corn, gourds, and manufactures a few items, so I don't have all the time I would like to design and make our coins. I do have a few more ideas in mind that I plan on working on soon. (One is a set of Halloween coins to give out instead of candy).

We have enjoyed reading the TEC News articles and hope you enjoy our 'story'. Also, Please see our ad in this issue.

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Notes of Interest

For the members who were not at our annual meeting at the A.N.A. convention in Baltimore. If you would like to have a sample of the elongated I gave away please send a S.A.S.E. This coin is different from the one you are receiving in the Newsletter this issue. (Its Free) Write: Chester Rogers, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438

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FOR SALE: By Tom Gerhardt, 2060 Kingston St., Aurora, Colo. 80010 Tom has a new Hoover Dam, Guinness World Record, 10.75 miles of pennies from Sept. 21, 1985 along with another Hoover Dam, 50th Anniversary Die. Each coin is 50¢ each. plus a S.A.S.E. Write Tom about other coins he has for sale.

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FOR SALE: By Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St., Terre Haute, In. 47803 Have 3 different Halley's Comet dies available at 50¢ ea. Have new Pete Rose die for his record breaking 4192 hits plus his old 3000 hits die available at 50¢ ea.

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FOR SALE: By Karen S. Morrison% Morrison Trading Co., P.O. Box 12-224 Denver, Colo. 80212 Karen and her husband Sam had 4 dies available in last newsletter and now have 4 more new ones at 50¢ ea. plus S.A.S.E. write and see what they are.

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For Sale: The Kettle Moraine Coin Club has issued 2 Elongated Cents to commemorate the Centennial of West Bend, Wis. One features an Indian Head vignette that has been rolled on a wheat cent reverse and the second design depicts City Hall Building rolled on 1985 copper-plated zinc cents. The pair can be ordered for \$1.00 plus stamped envelope from Shirley Stoffel, 612 Wolcott St. West Bend, Wis. 53095

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For Sale: By Doug Fairbanks, 5937 Beadle Dr., Jamesville, N.Y. 13078 Doug has an Elongated Coin Fixed price list with 4000 entrys plus. It contains "Moderns, Oldies, Unlisted and Misc. Send name and address plus \$3.00. Doug also buys and trades coins so if you have extras for sale or trade write and describe, price, or ask for offer, or trade for something you need for your collection.

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For Sale: Raynond Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mich. 48430 has a price list of Elongated coins for sale. Ray also buys oldies so if you have oldies for sale write Ray.

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Chester Rogers, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72434 has a set of all 50 state cents showing state flowers and state birds. He also has space shuttle series, star wars elongated coins. He also has other elongated coins available so send stamp envelope for information.

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For Sale: Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St., Terre Haute, In. 47803 has a set of Space Shuttle elongated coins available total 20 launch coins plus one launch pad coin for sale at \$7.00 for total set of 21 coins. Anyone needing coins to complete there sets to datesend .25¢ and stamped envelope. I pay postage on complete sets.

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Any rollers having new issues of elongated coins for sale may write the editor of the newsletter and list what you have for sale or trade. Many of the T.E.C. Members are interested in buying your coins. They will be listed under our BUY, SELL, TRADE, section. Deadline for the January, Feb. March issue is the 15th of December. Send your information in now.

## FOR SALE, TRADE, BUY \_ SELL

For Sale: Elongated Cent and Carwash token commemorating the A.N.A. Baltimore Convention from Ginnie Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Ave. Colonial Heights, Va. 23834. The cent (250 made) is .75¢ ea. and the carwash token (110 made) is \$1.25 plus S.A.S.E.

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T.E.C. Badges for Sale. They start in 1968 to present, there are 2 or 3 years I don't have anymore. Also have a few Elongateds rolled on Steel Cents of 1943. These are hard to roll and limited issues. Write: Chester Rogers, P.O. Box 553 Leachville, Ark. 72438

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"Doug" Fairbanks Sr.

Where are the Elongated Coin Collectors?

Are they just Club joiners? Have the true, dedicated collectors all passed away, retired, quit, or sold out? I am basing my assumptions, personally, relative to the recent release of my "One crazy mixed up "Fixed Price Listing of Elongated Coins for 1985-86. After placing class advertising in thirty one different collector hobby-journals, I found the response to be most negative. Four hundred catalogs were printed; at a "in-the mail price of \$4.58 each, and advertised at \$ 3.00 each, and I didn't believe I would even have enough catalogs to go around. Here I must apologize to those collectors who requested and paid for their catalog. They did and will continue to receive "first-shot" at the elongated coins on the sales list. Yes, I have sent out many non-requested catalogs, and have had a few response from non-elongated coin collectors, who wish to add an off-shoot item to their particular collecting hobby. To those individuals who may have received a non-requested catalog and declined to pay for same; yes, you are quite right, under postal laws this is not required. But, you, and/ or they can rest assured, no future lists will be sent, requested or not, and no current or future coin orders will be filled. Where else could a new or older collector find a choice of 4,459 elongated coins all in one place? if you believe that I am thoroughly dis-encharmed with 90% of the current so-called collectors, again you are absolutely correct.

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## COINS DONATED

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The Elongated coin donated for the Oct., Nov., Dec., newsletter is from Chester Rogers, your new president of T.E.C. Hope you enjoy it. The die was engraved by Chet and the coins were rolled by him.



Roy S. Fowler, Sr.

WHO SAID, "LOVE IS BLIND".

For some time now, a nice young lady has been ordering coins from me to distribute among members of her Church and youngsters that she teaches. She has made several suggestions for dies that she thought might be worthwhile. I had some made and they are good sellers. Check out the "Love" in Braille and the "Smile", "God Loves You" coins.

Like they say, there are a million stories out there. Let me tell you a little one about Dee. Dee is a very shy appearing young lady. Full of compassion and love. In working with the blind, she fell in love with one of a pair of twins that were both blind. Her friend was named Pat, who eventually went to work in the Social Security bureau in California. Their love affair blossomed through Braille letters and phone calls. Pat was eventually transferred to the Seattle office. Closer to Dee but still not near enough. The travelling between Seattle and Salem, the letters in Braille, and calling each other became a chore so they decided that marriage would be the answer.

Dee wanted to know if I would make a Wedding Coin for them. She gave us several ideas that she likes and it was decided that a beautiful pair of Wedding Bells with ribbon and stars would be the center of the coin with "Pat and Dee" under the Bells. The date of their marriage on the right side and "Two made through one Christ" on the left side. Instead of dots or rope around the border they wanted their married name of Mulvey around the edge. This was put on the die eight times.

Vance did a beautiful job of making the die. If any of you would like the coin, send the usual 25¢ and SASE and I will mail it to you. Write Roy S. Fowler, 4048 Pentiction Circle N.E., Salem, Or. 97305. By the way, I have had some comments on my .25¢ price and I want you all to know that the coins are worth more but I don't expect to die rich so I want all collectors to have some of our works. I'm just lucky to have a son that makes my dies for me and does such a great job and I want him to know I appreciate what he does for me. Roy.

## NOTICE FOR "TEC" NEWS

All those that haven't sent for their 1985 TEC badges yet please write to Sally Kirka, 116 Oak St. Manchester, Ct. 06040. The TEC badges are still \$5.00. Please make check out to "The Elongated Collector". Still have a few of the 1984 Badges left also. On these, anyone can buy one as these are left over from the members who have ordered one but then didn't send for theirs.

On the 1985 TEC Badges only the ones that have ordered one will be able to buy one as the die has been destroyed. Thank you all for ordering one.



Pennies ain't real money

Frank Brazzell

Pennies are not money. If you have any doubt about this, collect 448 of them and then try to spend them or deposit them in your bank. I did- and it took me two days, trips to two branches of my bank which are miles apart; a nobodys-going -to-win dispute with an otherwise rational and nice woman who works at the soda fountain of a local fast food restaurant which resulted in my friend being virtually banned from the lunch counter before I could dispose of my 448 pennies.

You see, it all started when some friends of mine suggested we save some change in a jar to help defray the cost of mailing a newsletter we've been cranking out. Great idea, right? Well, it was a great idea as long as we dropped in five-dollar bills, one-dollar bills, quarters, nickels and dimes. But pennies? Why, you would have thought that jar contained AIDS virus!

I took the jar to the bank on Monday morning and my banker informed me the only place to count them was downtown where the main branch had a machine. No problem.

So with jar in hand, I went to meet my friend for coffee.

She had no change, so I suggested we pull the change from the postage money jar. When the lunch-counter lady popped her head up, I recognized her from the bank where I had waited patiently behind her while she got her change to open her counter. "Still trying to get rid of my pennies", I smiled as my friend ordered two cups of coffee. "I won't take 'em unless they are rolled either" the now non-smiling lady behind the counter growled. "But pennies are money!" my friend protested. Two penny roll papers were slapped down in front of her, amid the 80 pennies we'd counted out for two cups of coffee. I tried to tell my friend I'd pay for the coffee with real money, but now she was getting angry. She snatched up her purse and the two cups of coffee. turned on her heel, and said "There's the money!" and began to walk away. Not knowing what to do, and thoroughly embarrassed, I followed, penny jar in hand. My friend tells me that woman returned the pennies and the penny-roll papers in a paper cup later that day to the store where my friend works. "That lady said you can't have any more coffee until you roll the pennies," a co-worker told her. Can you believe this?

Meanwhile I went to the downtown bank and the teller there told me that nobody had time to count the pennies, but if I'd give her my phone number they would call me later and tell me how much they added up to. I did and gave her a deposit slip to have them put into my account. This morning on my answering machine came the mysterious message. "We have deposited \$3.68 in your account" (" pause...) in pennies!"

Whew! At last they are safe for now. That is until some other poor sucker tries to treat them like money! Really!

The above story is true, and did happen. Now you should be glad you are Elongated collectors and have something to do with your pennies.

For the rollers out there that have people come up and ask if that's against the law to deface money? Just tell them "It ain't real money."

## SURPRISE \_ SURPRISE

Roy S. Fowler, Sr.

It isn't often that one gets a bonus from a bank- unknowingly, that is, but recently I received one. Here is what happened.

Usually, to elongate coins I use uncirculateds. All I have to do when I need some is call the bank and ask when would be a good time to come get them. Not this time. Nothing but circulated coins. In rolls yet. So I called another bank. Same answer. Another and another: When would they get some uncirculated coins? They don't know because they have an abundance of cents. ( You see Oregon doesn't have a sales tax- yet.) Well, what do I do now? I could drive 50 miles to Portland and try there, but I didn't think this was worth it, so I dropped in at a bank where a friend worked and picked up a bag of rolled circulated coins. I needed some 1984 coins so I decided that as I was unrolling the rolls I would look at the coins the same time. I did manage to find 255 of the 1984 coins, plus 2 wheat cents, 5 canadian cents, and--- here comes the bonus--- 11 ( count them, eleven!!) INDIAN HEAD CENTS!!! How is that for a bonus? one each 1874, 1887, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, and two 1901. No, the 1909 wasn't an S mint. After all you can't have everything. They were all in fairly good condition, too. After gloating over them for a while the thought occurred to me, "how in the world did they get into that bag? And so many at one time. Looking at some possibilities we decided that some little kid got into his dad's cache of old coins and put a handful of them in a gumball machine somewhere. The people that service those machines don't look at the coins much. All they do is weigh them and take them to the bank for deposit. The bank usually has some 'low on the Totem Pole' person roll them. They don't pay much attention to them. I have even got dimes rolled in cent rolls so they must sleep thru the rolling process. Thank Heaven. I wouldn't have had my bonus if someone along the line had been awake. It isn't much of a bonus but it is a good story. You should have seen my friends face when I told him the story. It was worth twice what the coins are worth.



BYU Is #1

Roy S. Fowler Sr.

This article should have been written by Vance but he is so busy that he said for me to go ahead and write it.)

Excitement at the Fowler household! Our daughter had received a call from one of her sons at BYU in which he said that he is running for Vice-president of the student body and did she have any attention getting ideas? The first thing she told him was that maybe Vance could make him a coin to give out to prospective voters. Bingo! The idea took off and between phone calls and letters whizzed back and forth between Provo, Utah and Salem, Oregon. Vance got into it with both feet. He volunteered to make the die, but didn't have time to run off all the coins that would be needed. Maybe Granpaw would do it. Right, Granpa would. And did. The decision was made about the die and it was made. (You thought I was going to say "The die was cast", didn't you?) I cleaned up the coins and ran off about 2500 of them and they were sent off just in time. Their politicking time is very short and there were 13 pairs of students running for the primaries. Unfortunately they didn't make one of the first three pairs so were out of the race but they did get a lot of good experience. What 1984 coins they had were given to the football team that gained BYU #1 in the nation.

Here is a description of the coin in case you would like one for your collection. Centered is BYU #1 with the "Y" overshadowing the "B" and "U". There is a wave under this. That was their them, "The rising wave of leadership" which is under the wave. Their names and positions were at the top. Frogley for president and Pliler for VP. If you would like one send the usual .25¢ and an SASE to Roy S. Fowler, Sr. 4048 Pentiction Circle N.E. Salem, Or. 97305

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#### A Note From Your New President!

I have asked the editor of the Newsletter to include a copy of the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of TEC. I know several of our old members do not have a copy and I understand none of the new members have a copy. I would like everyone to have a copy so you know what your club stands for and how it should be run. Also we have new membership Applications made and have asked the Editor to send each member a couple of them. We would like for you, the members to try to get new members for the club. The more new members we get the more new ideas we may get to improve and better the club for all of us. At the TEC meeting in Baltimore I did not see many young members. We are going to need young members if the club is going to survive. If you belong to local coin clubs or other coin related clubs, bring up the fact that TEC is having a membership drive and trying to get new members. Tell about the benefits of the club. The membership coin when you join, the free coin in each newsletter, A special award coin for writing an article. The TEC Badges are collectors items. Lets all talk up TEC and get some new members. You can do it.

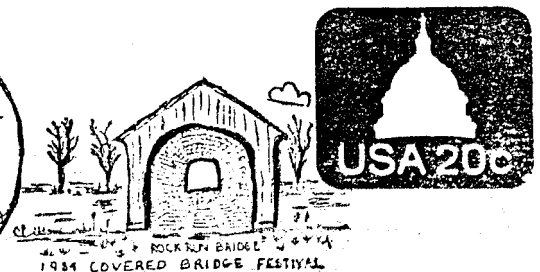
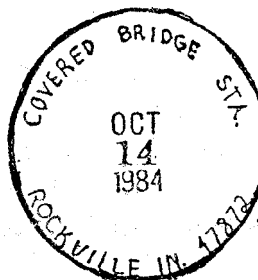
Thank you in advance for your help on this. Chester Rogers

# Parke County Covered Bridge Cover With Elongated Cent.

On the second weekend of October each year one of the largest Covered Bridge Festivals in the country starts and runs for ten days. The small town with the Court House on the square has one hundred thousand people running around the first three days. Tents on the Court House lawn house booths with hand made quilts, brooms, all kinds of food stuff and arts and crafts. People dress in the turn of the century clothes and cook in big iron pots on the Court House Lawn. All this is done to celebrate the fact that Parke County has more Covered Bridges standing than any county in the U.S.A. At present 35 Covered Bridges still stand and many are in use every day. In 1982 I made my first cover with an Elongated Cent and numbered 25 with a Sunday cancellation date on them. I did not get to make one in 1983 but last year I made my second cover. Again only 25 were made and numbered. They were cancelled on Oct. 14th, the first Sunday of the festival. The post Office sets up a pony express station on the square and cancell stamps for people and use a special cancellation. The school children of Parke County have a contest each year to draw the cancellation the post office uses. As you can see on the copy below the hand drawn bridge and circle with the Covered Bridge Sta. and date Oct. 14 and the number 00004 on the envelope. Our Parke County Covered Bridge Museum and Gift Shop return address is on the envelope. We have a 120 foot building on the west side of the town square and inside is a full size 60 foot covered bridge with 19 scale models of bridges from one foot long to five feet long in all styles made. We have antique bridge building tools and cards and pictures of bridges from all over the country all the way back to civil war days. Needless to say we have visitors from all over the country visit us during the festival. This year I plan to make another cover with only 25 numbered copies available. I have the die for the coin made so will wait for the envelopes to be stamped the first Sunday of the festival which is Oct. 13th this year.

Anyone interested in one of the 1984 or 1985 covers with the Elongated Cent can order from: Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th. St. Terre Haute, In. 47803 Price of the covers is \$3.00 each. Will try to give same number for each cover if both are ordered.

*Parke County*  
COVERED BRIDGE MUSEUM  
And Gift Shop  
Rockville, Indiana 47872



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MESSAGE ON A PENNY  
 FRANK BRAZZELI  
 53 So. 28th St  
 TERRE HAUTE, IN 47801  
 LET ME MAKE YOU  
 MAKE GOOD BUSINESS CENTS

**NOT  
PERFECT  
BUT DAMN  
CLOSE.**

**Phone 1-812-235-6826**

Shown actual size.  
Made with white placard.

The image shows two identical empty oval shapes, one on the left and one on the right, separated by a vertical line. These ovals are intended for a drawing activity.

6000 " \$ 100.00 " of \$7.50

★ ELONGATED CENTS ★

In lots of 100 the cost is \$3.00 and we pay postage.

FOR SALE

# ELONGATED COIN ROLLING MACHINE

Machine frame is of heavy bronze. Gears, handle, coin slide, and coin catcher are chrome plated. Steel stand is flat black painted

Machines have a slide to drop coin into and push in, turn handle one full turn and coin slides into coin catcher. Each steel roller holds up to 4 engraved dies.

Each machine comes with a steel stand with 2 wheels on one end. Just tilt the stand and you can push it like a two wheel cart, anywhere.

Total price for machine, 1 steel roller and steel stand is \$2,500.00. 2 dies engraved free on roller. Other dies engraved cost \$45.00 each.

Anyone interested may write or call for information. 2 pictures of different angles of the machine and stand are pictured below



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